



## “Inspiring Learning”

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

We were extremely sorry this week to hear that the council voted to close our lovely school at the end of August 2019. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us so tirelessly. The staff continue to be united in their professionalism towards your children. We held a special assembly to help pupils understand what this will mean for them and to reassure them that their needs are our top priority next year. Everyone agreed that going on our whole school reward trip together immediately after the assembly was a good idea. It was also a reminder that Bellingham Middle is still their school now and will continue to be here next year, with lots to look forward to.

If you do happen to have questions or concerns about next year, then please feel free to get in touch or pop into school. We are here to listen and happy to help.

Kind regards,  
Helen Samuels,  
Acting Headteacher

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### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND?

### COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



#### **14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018: Mortal Fools presents OUT THERE:**

Join theatre company Mortal Fools this Summer, during Great Northumberland, for an outdoor theatre walk wearing silent disco headphones to hear stories and performances about what it's like to be out there; young and living in Northumberland today. Tickets are FREE but pre-bookable as spaces are limited. To book visit: [www.outthere.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.outthere.brownpapertickets.com)

#### **14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - Border Raiders @ Chesters Roman Fort:**

Centuries after the end of the Roman frontier, the lawless Border Reiver families dominated "The Debateable Lands" between England and Scotland for 200 years - raiding, robbing and pillaging. The thankless job of attempting to keep order was undertaken by the March Wardens. Meet Scots and English Raiders at Chesters Roman Fort. See the clothing, weapons and horses of these fearsome warriors and watch them in action on the 'day of truce'. How will it all end? English Heritage admission applies. 10am – 5pm

#### **30<sup>th</sup> June – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018: Get North Water Sculpture. (FREE)**

Be wowed by the UK's largest water sculpture which will perform hourly. Download three specially commissioned soundtracks and experience this impressive spectacle to three different pieces of music. The Water Sculpture is 80m long and reaches the height of the Tyne Bridge. Open daily between 10am and 11pm.





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Attendance this week – 91.5%



Thank you! We really appreciate all your efforts in getting to school on time, ready to start our day promptly.



Did you know?

90% attendance = 19 days off = 4 weeks of absence  
= missing out on 1 ½ years over thirteen years of school.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE POINT HEROES OF THE WEEK!

KESTREL (129)	MERLIN (164)	OSPREY (132)	PEREGRINE (98)
Anna & Isaac (5A) Katie (5R) Keiran (Y7) Emily (Y8)	Hannah (5A) Lucy F & Lillie (5R) James (Y7) Lucy F (Y8)	Jess (5A) Honey & Max (5R) Philip (Y7) Lucy N (Y8)	Harriet (5A) Amy (5R) Annalise/Callum (Y7) Sophie (Y8)



**BMS London Trip 2019:** Looking ahead to next year, we were excited to launch our London 2019 trip this week. Remember to return the reply slip and deposit by the end of term to request a place for your child.



**Uniform Swap Shop:** if you have any unwanted items of uniform in clean, decent condition, then we would be grateful if you could send these into school with your child to give to Mrs Batey. During next week, parents will be able to see if any pre-loved uniform would be suitable for their child next year at no cost. Tables of uniform will be displayed in the foyer. **LOST PROPERTY** will also be on display for collection.



**Tickets for SuperStan:** please return your reply slip to school as soon as possible, indicating the number of free tickets you require. Whilst there is an initial limit on tickets, we shall distribute extra tickets as soon as we have checked that all families have had their allocation. We are also opening Tuesday morning dress rehearsal to any family or friends who would like to come and support the children. Please let us know if you would like to come and how many seats you would need. 10.30am start. All welcome.



**Lunch Money:** please could you pay any outstanding lunch monies owed by the end of term. Over £300 at least is yet to be paid. We appeal for your help in balancing the books for our wonderful catering team. Next year, your child will need to pay on the day or in advance per week for their canteen purchases. Thank you for your support.



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### HAPPY DAY ZONE

**Whole School Reward Trip Day:** It was an absolute pleasure to accompany nearly 100 pupils on a special reward day on Wednesday following their exemplary behaviour this year. The children voted for a trip to the Metro Centre for bowling, dodgems and the cinema. An extra treat for the pupils was the presentation of trophies to the highest scoring boy, girl and team by champion ten-pin bowler, Jon Thomson. Congratulations to James (Y6), Kirstie (Y8) and the Y7 girls bowling team, led by Hannah. Well done to everyone who went on the trip for your excellent company and enthusiasm. Thank you to all the staff who supported the day, and of course, to Miss Mason for her super organisation of us all!



We also watched “A Wrinkle in Time”, which inspired us to believe in ourselves and to celebrate our unique individuality. The film was a powerful reminder to pupils that, as we strive to achieve or to be popular with others, accepting and being kind to ourselves is essential to being happy in life.



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### MEMOS AND REMINDERS



**Bike Helmets:** Your child **must** wear a bike helmet as he or she cycles to or from our school. We will let you know if we notice your child without a helmet and have to insist that he or she does not ride until one is worn. Please remind your child to stay safe on our roads by wearing a helmet. Further Bikeability training will be available next term.

**Contacting school if your child is ill:** Could all parents please inform us by 9.15 am if your child is not able to attend school due to illness. You can leave a message on the answerphone if the line is busy or email: [middleadmin@bellinghampartnership.uk](mailto:middleadmin@bellinghampartnership.uk)

**Dinner Money:** Please could we ask for your help here? If you are sending money into school to pay for several days at a time, this needs to be in a **named envelope**. It would also be much appreciated if you could put your **child's name on the back** of any payment by **cheque**. Thank you for your support.

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

<b>Monday 16th July</b>	World Cup Homework Project Deadline
<b>Tuesday 17th July</b>	Summer Production at 6pm
<b>Wednesday 18th July</b>	Y8 Trip to South Shields
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS2 Wallington Trip
<b>Thursday 19th July</b>	Prom
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	11 am Celebration Assembly – all welcome
<b>Friday 20th July</b>	End of term